



Senate

General Assembly

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File No. 521

Senate Bill No. 542

Senate, April 8, 2004

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPENDITURES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2004*) The Commissioner of
- 2 Veterans' Affairs shall review the operation, administration and
- 3 management of the programs and services under the jurisdiction of the
- 4 department in order to assess the effectiveness and benefits of such
- 5 programs and services and assign priority for their continued funding.
- 6 The commissioner shall submit findings and recommendations to the
- 7 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
- 8 of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies
- 9 not later than January 1, 2005, and annually thereafter.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
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APP *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect
Department of Veteran's Affairs	None

Municipal Impact: None**Explanation**

The Department of Veterans' Affairs will be able to review its programs and services and meet the reporting requirement reflected in the bill without incurring a cost.

OFA Bill Analysis

SB 542

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPENDITURES OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS.****SUMMARY:**

The bill requires the Department of Veterans' Affairs to review the programs and services of the department in order to assess the effectiveness and benefits and assign priority for their continued funding. The commissioner shall submit findings and recommendations not later than January 1, 2005 and annually thereafter to the joint standing committee having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2004

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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